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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, CU, JM, UK  
SUBJECT: CASTRO VISIT: BRITISH REPORT ON CASTRO'S PRESS  
CONFERENCE AND BRITISH COMMENT

REFERENCE: KINGSTON 6360

1. LAST TWO PARAGRAPHS REFTEL REPORT INADVERTENTLY OMITTED.

PARAGRAPHS FOLLOW.

2. BEGIN TEXT. FOR MR. MANLEY MOST FELT THAT THE PRINCIPAL  
GAIN FROM THE VISIT WOULD BE HIS ENDORSEMENT BY CASTRO AS THE  
DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST LEADER OF JAMAICA AND WOULD RECONCILE  
HIM WITH THE LEFT-WING OF HIS PARTY. IT WAS ALSO FELT THAT  
IT WOULD HELP THE PRIME MINISTER TO SELL SOME OF HIS CONCEPTS,  
FOR EXAMPLE THE MOBILIZATION OF LABOUR INTO AGRICULTURE. AS  
ONE JOURNALIST EXPRESSED IT PRESIDENT CASTRO HAS "SOLD  
SOCIALISM TO JAMAICA". HE HAS PUT "AN ACCEPTABLE FACE" UPON  
IT.

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3. ALL WERE AGREED THAT THEY SAW NO SIGNIFICANCE IN THE  
TIMING OF THE VISIT. JOHN HEARNE BELIEVES THAT THE  
IMPACT OF THE VISIT PUBLICLY WOULD LAST NO MORE THAN  
2 WEEKS BUT AGREED THAT MR. MANLEY WOULD REAP A LONGER  
TERM BENEFIT WITHIN THE PARTY. OF PRESIDENT CASTRO  
JOHN HEARNE BELIEVED THAT HIS ANSWERS TO THE FINAL

QUESTION ON THE FUTURE FOR COMMUNISM WERE THE MOST

REVEALING. THEY STRONGLY INDICATED THE IDEALISM WHICH  
EXISTS WITHIN THIS OTHERWISE MOST PRACTICAL OF LEADERS.  
END TEXT.

4. NOTE - JOHN HEARNE IS A COLUMIST FOR THE THE DAILY GLEANER  
NEWSPAPER.  
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